



DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Cold weather, Christmas, deer season, college football playoffs...what more could anyone ask for? Our club has had a good year. We have three active programs - Steel Challenge, Bowling Pin Shoots, and the Golf Ball Matches - our membership remains relatively stable (even in the face of local economic difficulties), our construction projects are on track, and we have members willing to accomplish club goals. 2018 has been a good year for the Alexander City Shooting Club.

The next construction project on tap is currently projected to be a multi-purpose outbuilding. It is slated to house both men's and ladies rest room facilities, possible generator housing, and some storage. Needless to say, with all support construction and installation, this will be a major endeavor financially and will be approached incrementally.

The gift of a first firearm for a young person is a lifetime memory. Many in the shooting community received their first rifle or shotgun as a Christmas gift. Far more important than the gift itself is the knowledge and responsibility to handle and use that firearm in a controlled, safe, intended manner. Like it or not, the sport(s) we have chosen to engage in and the equipment used can be dangerous or deadly when handled thoughtlessly. Give them the gift of personal responsibility and safe conduct. The memories of that will last as well.

2019 looms on the horizon. Personally, I would like to see an expansion of our organized activities. I don't know whether we have enough interest to support

anything else. Steel Challenge has been successful; bowling pins have hung on for a long time. The golf ball matches have a handful (literally) of hardcore shooters that make it work. The 100 yard golf ball match is deliberately tailored to factory rifles, disallowing the pure bench rifles in the hopes of attracting more shooters.

Our steel targets and target frames are still being systematically destroyed. They are not designed to be shot with high velocity, centerfire rifle ammunition. You don't value your membership? Destroying club property deliberately will cost your membership. Let's work together to stop this expensive vandalism.

The mid-term elections are over and Democrats control the House of Representatives. Liberalism and Socialism continue to erode the foundation of our country. We have a President that is taking a hard line to fight for the United States, working diligently to undo a mountain of economically throttling laws, rules, policies, and international agreements made by his predecessors. His thanks for a booming economy, regained respect on the world stage, and recognition of the rightful return to our place at the bargaining table is a non-stop vilification and display of hate by mainstream media. Go figure.

You can have peace. Or you can have freedom. Don't ever count on having both at once.
Robert Heinlein

See you at the range!

Tim Courtney

Secretary ACSC